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In re application of:

TOMINAGA et al.

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BACTERIUM BELONGING TO  
THE GENUS BACILLUS AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
INOSINE

Art Unit: 1645

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2006, to which the 3-month shortened statutory period for response was extended was extended by the filing of a Notice of Appeal to May 23, 2007, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.